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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AFRICAN TRENDS

1) THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY OF AFRICAN TRENDS PREPARED FOR
JUNE 13. THIS INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND
ONLY.

2) ZAIRE -- FOREIGN TROOP PRESENCE. SOME 150 FRENCH
LEGIONNAIRES ARE STILL IN KOLWEZI. ABOUT 600 BELGIAN
PARATROOPS REMAIN DISPERSED IN A NUMBER OF COPPERBELT
TOWNS. APPROXIMATELY 1,500 MOROCCANS ARE IN LUBUMBASHI,
AWAITING ARRIVAL OF EQUIPMENT AND THE REST OF THE AFRICAN
FORCES BEFORE DEPLOYING TO OTHER AREAS. CONSULATE

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LUBUMBASHI REPORTS THAT THE GABONESE (45 MEN) AND THE
TOGOLESE (136 MEN) ARRIVED IN LUBUMBASHI ON JUNE 11; A
105-MAN IVORIAN MEDICAL TEAM ARRIVED JUNE 12; AND 250
SENEGALESE SOLDIERS WERE DUE ON JUNE 13 AND 14.

ANGOLA -- OVERTURES TO U.S. THE ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR TO
THE UN TOLD AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MC HENRY ON JUNE 6 THAT

NETO WANTED A HIGH-LEVEL U.S. OFFICIAL TO VISIT LUANDA;
SUCH A VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE "UNDER COVER" OF NAMIBIAN
TALKS, BUT THE EMISSARY SHOULD BE FULLY EMPOWERED TO
DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS. THIS WEEKEND NYERERE PASSED
ESSENTIALLY THE SAME MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR SPAIN. NYERERE

CLAIMED THAT NETO WANTED "TO WHISPER" TO US, AND URGED US
TO BE RESPONSIVE.

RHODESIA -- GRAHAM-LOW MISSION. SUMMARIZING THE RESULTS
OF THE U.S.-UK MISSION TO SALISBURY LAST WEEK, AMBASSADOR
LOW COMMENTS THAT:

---THE PRINCIPALS, PARTICULARLY THE AFRICANS, DO NOT
APPEAR TO BE MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF AN ALL-PARTIES
MEETING. THIS MAY CHANGE WHEN AND IF THE WHITES CONCLUDE
THAT A CEASEFIRE IS NOT ATTAINABLE AND THE AFRICANS
(ESPECIALLY MUZOREWA) REALIZE THAT THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH
THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IS COSTING THEM POLITICAL SUPPORT.
---THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT HAS NOT MADE MUCH PROGRESS;
THE WAR GOES ON AND MAY EVEN INTENSIFY AND THE ECONOMY
CONTINUES TO DECLINE; THERE HAVE BEEN NO REAL BREAKTHROUGHS
IN THE AMNESTY PROGRAM.

---SENIOR WHITE OFFICIALS EXPLORED IN DETAIL U.S.-UK
IDEAS ON THE ALL-PARTIES MEETING, BUT LOW CAUTIONS THAT
THIS DID NOT INDICATE SUPPORT OR SYMPATHY.

---IN RESPONSE TO A RHODESIAN QUESTION, GRAHAM SAID "WE"
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WOULD ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF A FAIR ELECTION, BUT THAT THE
U.S. AND UK WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN THE ARRANGEMENTS.
THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A SIGNIFICANT DEESCALATION OF
HOSTILITIES, WIDE PARTICIPATION, AND FREEING OF THE MEDIA.
---CONDUCT OF WAR. SMITH FACES A STORMY SESSION IN THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHEN IT MEETS SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THE
JUNE 10 KILLING OF 22 CIVILIANS, CAUGHT IN A CROSSFIRE
JUST NORTH OF SALISBURY. BISHOP MUZOREWA USED THE INCIDENT
TO ISSUE HIS OWN CEASEFIRE PLAN ON JUNE 12. IT IN EFFECT
CALLS FOR THE SECURITY FORCES TO ABANDON THE TRIBAL
RESERVES--ALMOST HALF OF RHODESIA--AND TO DISMANTLE THE
GUARD FORCE (AN AFRICAN POLICE FORCE OF SEVERAL THOUSAND
IN THE PROTECTED VILLAGES).

NAMIBIA -- RESULTS OF LUANDA MEETING. ACCORDING TO
NYERERE, SWAPO AND THE FRONT-LINE STATES REACHED AGREEMENT
AT THEIR LUANDA MEETING, JUNE 10-11, TO ACCEPT THE
WESTERN PROPOSAL IF TWO REMAINING ISSUES WERE RESOLVED:
---ON WALVIS BAY, THE FIVE SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT IN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL THAT IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA.
---SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS MUST BE MOVED TO "ONE OR TWO
PLACES SOUTH OF WINDHOEK."

NYERERE ASKED THE WEST TO GET SOUTH AFRICAN AGREEMENT ON THE SECOND POINT, COME TO LUANDA TO GET FORMAL SWAPO AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSAL, AND THEN GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR IMPLEMENTATION. HE THOUGHT AGREEMENT WAS UNLIKELY WITHOUT THE TROOP-LOCATION CHANGES SINCE, AS A RESULT OF THE CASSINGA RAID, ANGOLA AND ZAMBIA HAVE

SHIFTED POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, FEARING TROUBLE FOR THEMSELVES FROM NORTHERN-BASED TROOPS.

---SHIPANGA CONSIDERS FUTURE ROLE. SWAPO DISSIDENT LEADER ANDREAS SHIPANGA IS CONSULTING WITH OTHER RELEASED DISSIDENTS IN STOCKHOLM ABOUT THEIR FUTURE ROLE
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IN NAMIBIAN POLITICS. HE IS BEING COURTED BY DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH THE NNF AND THE DTA BUT HAS TOLD A SWEDISH NEWSPAPER HE NEEDS TO CATCH UP WITH EVENTS BEFORE DECIDING. HE ALSO RIDICULED THE BELIEF THAT SOUTH AFRICA COULD BE DEFEATED MILITARILY AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE WESTERN PROPOSAL.

CHAD -- FRANCO-LIBYA CEASEFIRE DISCUSSIONS. DURING JALLOUDD'S VISIT TO PARIS LAST WEEK, THE LIBYAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF THE CHADIAN CEASEFIRE, AN ELYSEE SOURCE HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO URGE RESTRAINT ON THEIR RESPECTIVE CLIENTS, NEITHER OF WHOM WAS APPARENTLY INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THE TALKS. THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT LIBYA, IN THE WAKE OF THE REBEL DEFEATS NEAR ATI, NOW FEELS IT WILL OBTAIN GREATER INFLUENCE IN CHAD BY POLITICAL THAN BY MILITARY MEANS. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY NDJAMENA REPORTS THAT THE POSTPONED RECONCILIATION MEETING INVOLVING CHAD, LIBYA, NIGER, SUDAN, AND THE CHADIAN REBELS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 15 IN TRIPOLI. CHRISTOPHER

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